

Montana Board of Nursing

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Dear Nurse,

As you may be aware, Montana has passed a law to allow it to become a member of the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC). The eNLC will be implemented in Montana on **January 19, 2018.** Please take a moment to read the information below about the eNLC and how it may affect your license.

- The enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) is very similar to the original Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) our state belongs to.
- States that are members of the eNLC will issue multistate licenses that allow you to practice physically, electronically and/or telephonically across a state border to patients located in other states that are members of the eNLC.
- If you have a current Montana multistate license, you will be grandfathered into the eNLC and no further action is needed from you unless you move to another state.
- As with the original NLC, if you practice in other states on your multistate license, you must adhere to the laws and regulations of the state where the patient is located.

Here are some important changes we want you to know about:

- The eNLC has specific licensure requirements, these are called "Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs)." As stated above, all nurses previously declaring Montana their home state and holding a multistate license will be grandfathered into the eNLC; however, if you move to another state that is a member of the eNLC, you will need to meet the ULRs in order to obtain a multistate license. Likewise, all nurses applying for licensure and declaring Montana their home state will need to meet the ULRs.
- The states that are part of the eNLC are not exactly the same as the original NLC. If you have an eNLC multistate license, you can only practice in those designated eNLC states (see ncsbn.org/enlc for an updated map).
- If you need to practice in a state that is not a member of the eNLC, you need a single state license issued from that state regardless of whether you hold a multistate license.

If you need more information:

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- The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has a website (ncsbn.org/enlc) that will provide you with the details you need to know about this new and exciting change for licensure in your state.
- On the website, there are numerous resources available for your use, including written information, videos and infographics.
- The website will also lead you to our state board of nursing website that has state-specific information on it.

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